

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the subject application. Claim 19 has been canceled. Claims 1-42, 44-45, and 48-52 are pending, of which claims 1, 12-16, 18, 20-22, and 42 have been amended.

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Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 26-41, 44-45, and 48-52 have been allowed (*Final Office Action* dated November 15, 2004, p.3). These claims remain unchanged and are in condition for allowance.

10 Applicant appreciates the indication of allowability. Applicant agrees with the Examiner's conclusions regarding patentability, without necessarily agreeing with or acquiescing in the Examiner's reasoning. In particular, Applicant believes that claims 26-41, 44-45, and 48-52 are allowable because the prior art fails to teach, anticipate, or render obvious the invention as
15 claimed, independent of how the invention is paraphrased.

Claims 1, 16, and 42 have been amended to include allowable subject matter as identified by the Office in the Final Office Action dated November 15, 2004 pp. 3-4. For example:

20 Claim 1 recites the similar feature(s) of allowable claim 26. The Office states that "the prior art fails to teach the limitation that offsetting a print media line-feed advance corresponding to the error compensation factor as set forth in claim 26" (*Final Office Action* p.4). As amended, claim 1 similarly recites "a
25 print media line-feed advance configured to be offset corresponding to the error compensation factor". Accordingly, claim 1 along with dependent claims 2-15 are in condition for allowance.

Claim 16 recites the similar feature(s) of allowable claim 44. The Office states that “the prior art fails to teach the limitation printing which includes printing first swath images on the print media, advancing the print media, and printing second swath images on the print media, the first swath images and the second swath images forming the diagnostic image as set forth in claim 44” (Final Office Action p.4). As amended, claim 16 similarly recites “a pen configured to transfer an imaging medium onto a print media to form a printed diagnostic image which includes printing first swath images on the print media, advancing the print media, and printing second swath images on the print media, the first swath images and the second swath images being printed to form the printed diagnostic image”. Accordingly, claim 16 along with dependent claims 17-25 are in condition for allowance.

Claim 42 recites the similar feature(s) of allowable claim 26. The Office states that “the prior art fails to teach the limitation that offsetting a print media line-feed advance corresponding to the error compensation factor as set forth in claim 26” (Final Office Action p.4). As amended, claim 42 recites the same limitation of “offsetting a print media line-feed advance corresponding to the error compensation factor”. Accordingly, claim 42 is in condition for allowance.

35 U.S.C. §103 Claim Rejections

Claims 1-25 and 42-43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) for obviousness over Patent No. JP 08085242 to Yoshihiro, in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,158,344 to Walker et al. (Final Office Action p.2).

Claim 43 has been canceled and, as described above, independent claims 1, 16, and 42 have been amended to include allowable subject matter as identified by the Office in the Final Office Action dated November 15, 2004

pp. 3-4. Accordingly, claims 1-25 and 42 are allowable over the Yoshihiro-Walker combination and Applicant respectfully requests that the §103 rejection be withdrawn.

5 **Conclusion**

Pending claims 1-42, 44-45, and 48-52 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests issuance of the subject application. If any issues remain that preclude issuance of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney before issuing a subsequent Action.

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